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SUBJ: KOREAN VISIT TO LIBREVILLE

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1. SOUTH KOREAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION LED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT IL KWON CHUNG VISITED GABON AS PLANNED JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 3. VISIT TERMED COMPLETE SUCCESS BY KOREAN EMBASSY HERE AS DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY HIGHEST OFFICIALS OF GOG, INCLUDING PRESIDENT BONGO WHO TOOK UNUSUAL STEP OF DECORATING ENTIRE DELEGATION WITH GABONESE NATIONAL ORDER.

2. NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT VISIT GABON AND SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT DELEGATION DID NOT EVEN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN GABONESE VISAS AS THEY KNEW THEY WOULD BE DENIED.

3. COMMENT: FAILURE OF HO TAM DELEGATION TO GAIN ENTRY TO GABON COMES AS NO SURPRISE SINCE NORTH KOREANS REMAIN AT TOP OF LIST OF FOREIGNERS THAT BONGO DISTRUSTS. AS RESULT OF THEIR OWN PERSUASIVE DIPLOMACY ABETTED BY NORTH KOREAN BLUNDERS, THE SOUTH KOREANS PRETTY MUCH HAVE THEIR WAY HERE IN DISPUTES WITH THEIR RIVALS TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NORTH. FOR EXAMPLE, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM DJIM KI RECENTLY MADE DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT BONGO TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT KIM WAS PASSED DOWN TO SECOND-LEVEL ADVISER IN PRESIDENCY FOR HIS TALKS. RELATIONS BETWEEN GABON AND NORTH KOREA HAVE STABILIZED SLIGHTLY WITH RECENT RETURN OF GABONESE AMBASSADOR TO POST IN PYONGYANG, BUT FACT REMAINS THAT PRESIDENT BONGO HAS NOT RECEIVED

NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS HERE IN OVER TWO YEARS.DEJARNETTE

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